

means, and that this class of people are necessary to the development of our country; that the money paid out for this work will go into the hands of the poorer or laboring class of people; that said money so spent does not leave the State, but again goes into the hands of the people; and that it is but taking it in on taxes from the people and returning it to the people for labor; and that the State will be forever benefited by increasing the revenue to the State.

Signed by 200 citizens.

By Senator Harbison:

Howe, Texas, January 30, 1907.

Hons. J. L. Harbison, J. A. L. Wolfe, B. F. Gafford, W. S. Moore, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: We understand there is now pending before the Legislature a bill appropriating \$5000 for the use of the Railroad Commission of Texas in the injunction case now pending in the court against the Commission, whereby the railroads seek to permanently enjoin the Commission from enforcing its rates and rules.

We think the rules and rates of the Commission should be enforced and the powers of that body enlarged.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of the railroads doing business in and through the State to defy all authorities, regardless of disastrous results to our people.

We, therefore, beg that you will give this bill your active support, and further, that the appropriation be made large enough to enable the Commission to employ a good attorney to look after Texas matters before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Numerously signed.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, February 1, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson
in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answered to their names:

Alexander.	Harbison.
Barrett.	Holsey.
Chambers.	Hudspeth.
Cunningham.	Kellie.
Faust.	Looney.
Glasscock.	Masterson.
Green.	Mayfield.
Grinnan.	Meachum.

Murray.	Stone.
Paulus.	Terrell.
Senter.	Veale.
Skinner.	Watson.
Smith.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Greer.	Stokes.
Griggs.	

Prayer by Rev. H. M. Sears, Chaplain of the Senate.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Stone the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions, etc.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Senter:

Senate bill No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the powers and duties of interurban electric railway companies, to authorize them to transport passengers, freight and express as common carriers; to regulate their charges therefor; to exempt them from the control and jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission with respect to the making of such charges, and to authorize suits against them for discrimination in the making of such charges."

Read the first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

ADJOURNMENT.

In that there were a number of important committee meetings called for this hour,

Senator Chambers moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The motion was adopted.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 12 of the General Laws of Texas, passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, page 12, Laws of 1901, and to pass in lieu thereof of this act; to create a Board of Medi-

cal Examiners for the examination and licensing of all physicians, surgeons and obstetricians; to prescribe their qualification; to provide for their proper registration, the revocation of their licenses for flagrant offenses; and to fix suitable penalties for illegal practice."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LOONEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 133, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend Section 6, Chapter 102 of the Laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, of an act approved May 10, 1899, being 'An Act to promote agriculture and stock raising and to prohibit the hunting with firearms or dogs upon the enclosed and posted lands of another in all counties of this State, not especially named as exempt from the provisions of this act,' so as to include Galveston county within the provisions of that act, and not exempt from it."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LOONEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on State Penitentiaries, to whom was referred Committee Substitute for House bills Nos. 63 and 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3698, Chapter 6, of Title 79, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relative to the salaries of the under officers and employes of the State penitentiaries of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that it be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act imposing an annual occupation tax upon each office or place kept and maintained by any person, firm, or corporation in this State at which intoxicating liquors legally deliverable are delivered upon payment of purchase money therefor, providing a penalty for failure to pay such tax and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WILLACY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the consent and approval of the Governor and Attorney General, to sell the Guayule, Lechuguilla, Sotal and other vegetation on school lands, and to enter into contracts for the purpose of determining the commercial value of those and all other substances found upon public free school land,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Senate that the same do not pass for the reason that it is identical with Senate bill No. 118, which your committee reported favorably.

MURRAY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the present owners and occupants and their heirs and assigns of three surveys of land situated in Comanche county, Texas, consisting of one-third league each, one of which was patented to the heirs of Thomas J. Blakemore by Patent No. 85, Vol. 16, issued on the 4th day of October, 1859; one patented to the heirs of Joseph J. Blakemore by Patent No. 84, Vol. 16, issued on the 4th day of October, 1859, and one patented to the heirs of Joseph Blakemore by Patent No. 278, Vol. 15, issued on the 11th day of February, 1861, whereby the State of Texas relinquishes to the said owners and oc-

cupants of said land whatever right, title or interest there may be in the State of Texas to escheat said land by reason of the fact that the heirs of the original grantees inherited the said land at a time that Texas was a republic and while they, the said heirs, were aliens to the said Republic of Texas, without thereafter complying with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Texas for such cases made and provided."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MURRAY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 118, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the consent and approval of the Governor and Attorney General, to sell the Guayule, Lechuguilla, Sotal and other vegetation on school land, and enter into contracts for the purpose of determining the commercial value of those and all other substances found upon public free school land."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Senate that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend by inserting the words "or found" between the words "growing" and "upon" in line 4.

MURRAY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 80 of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature at its regular session in 1889, and amended by an act passed by the Twenty-eighth Legislature at its regular session, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wharton county and Lavaca county in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation, defining their powers and duties as such and providing for the appoint-

ment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for working of county convicts on the public roads of such counties, and providing for the payment of officers' fees and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and to provide for summoning of teams for road work, and allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing penalties for violation of this act,' so as to exempt Lavaca county from the provisions of said act, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 31, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 325 of Title 5, Chapter 4, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, pertaining to the taking of bail in felony cases when the court is in session, and authorizing the sheriff or other peace officer having in custody the accused to take a bail bond, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Monday, February 4, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering their names:

Alexander.	Mayfield.
Barrett.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Glasscock.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Looney.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent.

Faust.	Harper.
Griggs.	Hudspeth.